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The more we see of the doings of courts and juries the more we are convinced that the law offers no protection to a peaceable citizen. The officers are strait to do the duty they have sworn they would and the juries are either too ignorant, cowardly or venal to do theirs. It is only the law-breaker who is protected by the law. He can murder or commit other heinous crimes at will and when brought to trial, if he ever is, he can, with the aid of sharp lawyers, who know how to work the 20 challenges for all they are worth, secure either a jury that will acquit or at most hang themselves. The Commonwealth is always under disadvantage. The judge usually rules in favor of the accused. She has but five challenges of jurors and is practically at the mercy of the defendant after they are exhausted. Every doubt must inure to the benefit of the prisoner, and if after all these safe-guards are thrown around him, a case of willful murder is made out, there is a hung jury, or an abortion of a verdict, letting him off with what is equal to no punishment. Then he has every advantage in the matter of counsel, while the State often has to rely on some worthless sick of a man, who could not support himself at his profession but for her help. With all these advantages it is no wonder that murder and other crimes hold high carnival and that the murderer is the most privileged citizen of a community. Human life is the cheapest of any kind in Kentucky and will continue so till a radical change in the administration of justice is effected or the people, patient and long suffering, rise in their might, and right the wrongs daily placed upon them. We die like to say it, but it is true and a pity it is that it is true, that there is absolutely no protection for a law-abiding man in the law. He must look to himself alone for protection and do with the shot-gun what the law promises, and what he pays for its support to do for him, but falls so short of doing.

HARBORNSBURG continues at the front. Another murder, the second in ten days, occurred in a bar room there Tuesday night, when Henry Passmore shot and killed Richard Paxton, another bar-keeper. The ill feeling grew over a rivalry in business and the killing occurred in Passmore's bar room, when Paxton was unarmed and unsuspecting of danger. Passmore has seen that murderers are the privileged class in this country and did not fear to lay himself liable to the law, which always protects such creatures at the expense of the law-abiding.

A LITTLE ROOSTER, who imagines that he is a very big somebody because he is a son of his father, Senator Voorhees, says that Mr. Cleveland has not distributed the office as he ought to have done and that he intends if he can prevent it, to knock him out of the nomination for a second term. Young Voorhees can prevent it, of course. He's got this country in a sling, he has. Pity indeed that it is true, but it is nevertheless true. Poor Mr. Cleveland, he ought to be shot for not giving the little fellow an office.

THERE are two factions in the National Bank at Kalamazoo, Mich., both of which want to control it. The stock was so evenly divided that less than 10 shares would carry the election of directors either way. A man owning ten shares offered them for sale at auction. They cost him \$1,000, but the rival factions fought and bid until the remarkable sum of \$44,350 was obtained for them, one share selling as high as \$12,000, the highest price ever known.

DOWN in Louisiana two negroes went to the residence of Mrs. Barker for the avowed purpose of criminally assaulting her two daughters, the most beautiful girls of the neighborhood. They were thwarted, however, in their vile purpose, and on being arrested a mob took them in hand and soon had the lecherous scamps swinging from a limb. This is the only way to deal successfully with this class of brutes.

WE are not of course in love with the rapid politics of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, but it is emphatically a newspaper and as such we value it very highly. Nothing of importance escapes its watchful eye and the man who takes it can be sure that he will be kept posted on current events. See prospectus of its weekly edition elsewhere.

BRADY, an ex-Virginia Congressman, who was at one time a faithful lieutenant of Boss Mahone, has issued a letter charging his former master with selling offices and stealing campaign money. This was all right with Brady as long as he profited by it, but when he had to let go the test, Mahone is a dreadful rascal. It was ever thus.

SENATOR VOORHEES' BOB, who got him self interviewed by an anti Cleveland paper in New York, was so swelled up by the alleged honor that he got on a big drunk and slept in the station house that night. Oh, yes, he'll keep Cleveland from being nominated, no will!

FOREIGNERS continue to arrive at the rate of 50,000 a month. A large per cent. of them are anarchists and that's what's the matter with this country.

THE President's thanksgiving proclamation is such a feeling and sensible document that we give it in full elsewhere.

This is the way the old Roman, Allen G. Thurman, spoke of the President in a recent speech: "I have seen a good many presidents in my long life. I have known several of them personally and I have read the history of the administration of them all. I have seen and I know, and I think I know him full well, Grover Cleveland, our President of the United States, and on my honor as a man, who is bound to tell you the truth if ever a man was bound to tell the truth to his fellow men, I don't believe that a more honest, braver, truer man ever filled the presidential chair of the United States."

THE Louisville Commercial is doing a good work in trying to impress upon the incoming legislature the necessities of restricting the evils of local legislation. It has for years been the base of law making, to it being traceable nearly every bad law that has been enacted.

MINISTER BECK, who represents the government at Peru, where she seems to need no representative, at \$10,000 a year, is at home. A short time before he was given his position he would have gladly, it is said, taken \$10 a week for his time.

It has at last been definitely settled that the author of the dirty "Clara Belle" letters in a Cincinnati paper is a man and his name is Frank File. Even he is ashamed of them, low down and vulgar as he is.

NOTES OF CURRENT EVENTS.

—Both and Burrett played three weeks together in Chicago and took in \$72,000.

—The Russell poor house was rented to a man who agreed to feed the paupers at 85 cents a week.

—Horace Webster & Co., wholesale dealers of New York, failed, liabilities of over \$750,000.

—There are now 500 cases of supposed typhoid fever in Cincinnati, and the disease is rapidly spreading.

—Twelve Mormon jurors at Salt Lake refused to take the oath prescribed by the Tucker-Edmonds law.

—The Chinese transport Waiwo, was lost in Pecosades, and 250 Chinese and five Europeans were drowned.

—In Robertson county the court of claims fixed the county levy at \$1.67 on the \$100 of property and 25 cent tax.

—Mr. Powderly denies that there is any probability of a fusion of Prohibition and Labor in the next Presidential campaign.

—In the last five months 3,169 carloads of excursionists, aggregating 187,781 persons, have visited that great natural wonder, Niagara Falls.

—The anti organ members of the Winchester Christian church have seceded from it and rented the old Methodist church to do their worshipping in.

—A portion of tunnel No. 16, on New River hill, Cincinnati Southern railroad, caved in Tuesday night, killing one man and injured several others.

—Webb Ross, a farmer near Paris, has been declared of unsound mind and trustees have been appointed for his estate, which is valued at \$100,000.

—The National Republican Committee meets in Washington, December 8, to fix the date and place of holding the next national republican convention.

—Deputy United States Marshal W. T. Day was attacked by moonshiners in his room at Martown, but his effective use of a double barreled shot-gun saved his life.

—Perry Ackers, of Maxwell, Iowa, shot and killed Mayor French and Justice Schmeier "to even up old scores" and then committed suicide with the same weapon.

—The statue of Gen. John C. Breckinridge, at Lexington will be unveiled November 14. The address will be delivered by United States Senator J. C. S. Blackburn.

—At Philadelphia, Rev. Thos. B. Nidder, charged with causing the death of Mrs. Sarah Robinson by criminal malpractice, was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment.

—There have been terrible storms on the lakes and many crabs have gone to pieces causing the loss of scores of lives. Pieces of wrecked vessels float to shore daily along the coast.

—A battery of six boilers exploded Monday in the Lawrence Iron Works at Ironton, O., killing Mike and James Dyer, Thomas Davis and Peter Clay, and wounding 26 others.

—At Hot Springs, Ark., Jasper Duncan, a prisoner, was shot and almost instantly killed by Sheriff Williams. What seems to have been preconcerted attempt to escape was attempted.

—The Comptroller of Currency has declared a dividend of 25 per cent. in favor of the creditors of the Fidelity National Bank of Cincinnati, on claims proved, amounting to \$2,388,569.

—Ivan Shelby has been arrested in Ballard county, charged with the murder of Mrs. Stephen Moore, an aged lady of that county, on the 15th inst, and with the robbing of her house of \$500.

—The Piedmont Exposition at Atlanta netted a cash profit of \$10,000, besides paying \$15,000 for the buildings and grounds. This success has caused a plan for a world's fair to be held there in 1889.

—The Kentucky Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows embraces 155 lodges and during the year had 753 additions, leaving, after deducting withdrawals, suspensions, expulsions and deaths, a net gain of 285.

—It is stated on undoubted authority that Gov. Oglesby is disposed to commute the sentence of four of the condemned anarchists to imprisonment for life. A great pressure is being brought to bear on him to this end, and there is a strong probability that there will be only three executions instead of seven. He'd better let the dirty crowd go in a body.

—Ramanzi, the noted violinist, was drowned in a shipwreck off Midway ear.

—The election in Baltimore Wednesday resulted in a sweeping victory for the democrats, Lutrobs being elected mayor by over 4,000 majority. The total vote polled was 65,075.

—In the late Tennessee election 31 counties voted for and 62 against the prohibition amendment, and it is noteworthy that in nearly every instance those counties that had formerly adopted local option voted in the negative.

—William Reed, of Pittsburgh, who had amassed a million dollars in oil and minerals, was drowned in the Atlantic ocean, off Somer's Point, N. J., while endeavoring, with the aid of a magnetic rod, to locate certain treasures supposed to be buried along the New Jersey coast.

—The Old Fellows elected Arthur J. Reed, of Richmond, Grand Master; Taos, F. Rogers, Mt. Sterling, Deputy Grand Master; William H. Cox, Maysville, Grand Warden; William White, Louisville, Grand Secretary; George W. Morris, Louisville, Grand Treasurer; John P. Paister, Maysville, Grand Representative.

—An Atlanta special says that Gov. Gordon in an interview said that prohibition had been tried through local option in 100 out of 117 counties in the State, and not one county has gone back on its action. He did not hesitate to pronounce the result good. Atlanta had not been damaged. All fears of trade being diverted had proven groundless. The change has noticeably benefited the freedmen.

Thanksgiving Day.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—President Cleveland has issued the following "Thanksgiving proclamation":

"The goodness and the mercy of God, which have followed the American people during all the days of the past year, claim their grateful recognition and humble acknowledgment. By His omnipotent power He has protected us from war and pestilence, and from national calamity; by His gracious favor the harvest has yielded a generous return to the labor of the husbandman, and every path of honest toil has led to comfort and contentment; by His loving kindness the hearts of our people have been replenished with fraternal sentiment and patriotic endeavor; and by His unerring guidance we have been directed in the way of national prosperity. To the end that we may with one accord, testify our gratitude for all these blessings, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, the 24th day of November next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by all the people of the land. On that day let all secular work and employment be suspended, and let our people assemble in their accustomed places of worship, and with prayer and songs of praise give thanks to our heavenly Father for all He has done for us, while we humbly explore the forgiveness of our sins and a continuance of His mercy. Let families and kindred be united on that day, and let their hearts, filled with kindly cheer and affectionate reminiscence, be turned in thankfulness to the source of all their pleasures, and the giver of all that makes the day glad and joyous. And in the midst of our worship and our happiness, let us remember the poor, the needy and the unfortunate; and by our gifts of charity and ready benevolence let us increase the number of those who, with grateful hearts, shall join in our thanksgiving."

GARRARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT.

Lancaster.

—The money devil is just now very quiet in the good city of Lancaster.

—The ushers at the Duncan Elkin wedding were Messrs. Carlton, of Atlanta, and Owsley, Landrum, Robert Elkin and Denny, who performed their parts well.

—Bird hunters report the crop of quails as being short. Gov. Mason says it isn't long until our sportsmen will have to depend upon the English sparrow for their fun.

—The occupation of the Lancaster coal merchants like that of Othello's is gone. They can't get the coal and in consequence many of our citizens have to go to bed early these cold nights to keep warm. We don't need another railroad, though, at least it looks so since we are doing nothing to secure the Louisville Southern.

—Col. Williams' "Humpty Dumpty" show at the City Hall on Monday night is pronounced the most dismal farce ever seen in Lancaster. It must have been worse than the "Royal Nonesuch," as related by Huckleberry Finn, from what those who attended say of it. [We saved our people this indignity, E.]

—The death of Sam Warritt, coming as it did so unexpectedly, was quite a shock to his parents and friends. His life while he walked this earth was without spot or blemish. By him was no wrong done. His whole mind seemed to be on religion and morality. Truly it can be said of him, he has gone to that rest which is the glorious heritage of those who love the Lord. The earth will rest lightly on thee, Sammy.

—Judge W. E. Walker left on Wednesday for Dallas, Texas, at which place he will join a party bound for a big hunt in the West. John H. Woodcock went to Cincinnati Tuesday to see the Burns troupe. You can't head John off when there is a treat to be had. Samuel B. Harris, Jr., has a new musical instrument called the Xylophone. The young ladies would do well to call on him and hear him perform thereon. It is a real pleasure. Miss Honeywood Huffman, is visiting at Dr. Huffman's after a long visit to Winchester.

Mrs. W. McKee Duncan and little daughter, of Louisville, were up to attend the marriage of Miss Nellie Duncan. John M. Logan has gone to St. Louis to look after his property in that city of booms.

—The Dancan-Elkin nuptials were celebrated at the Presbyterian church Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Elder J. C. Randolph of Danville, and John Dancan, brother of the bride, gave her away. The bridesmaids, five in number, were Misses Jennie Faulkner, Ella Watson, Juliet Gill, Liza Walker and Miss Branton, of Richmond, who all looked as beautiful as the fair bride herself. The best man was Mr. Toner, of Atlanta. The bride, Miss Nellie Dancan, is one of our most beautiful young ladies, and belongs to one of the oldest families in this county. The groom, Dr. Simpson Elkin, is a native of Garrard, but has cast his fortunes in Atlanta, Georgia, where he is a prominent young physician. After lunch at Hon. W. O. Bradley's, the party left for Danville, to take the midnight express for Atlanta. The good wishes of this people go with them. May they live long and be happy.

LONDON, LAUREL COUNTY.

—Miss Puck Ewell is visiting Mrs. R. M. Jackson.

—Mrs. W. A. Parsley is visiting her parents in Richmond.

—Asher boys killed a fowlsucker on Lower Sinking creek last week.

—C. Mullins, of Livingston, was here last week buying goods for his store.

—The star route contractors have received their blanks for the fall letting.

—The United States Topographical Engineer Corp. have completed their work in Wesley county, and pitched their tents near town, where they will remain until cold weather.

—Miss Mattie Barsley, of Linn Branch, was here Sunday. Judge Bireing is in New York and Boston buying goods. Judge R. Boyd left Sunday to commence court at Booneville.

—R. M. Jackson writes us from Atlanta, Georgia, that the mule market is very dull there and many of the stock men there from Lincoln and Boyle counties talk of shipping back.

—W. M. Howard had the unfortunate misfortune before seeing Judge R. R. Baker, for the murder of a negro named Humphrey at East Bernstadt last week. Howard was bound over in a bond of \$5,000 until circuit court.

—The advance agent and bill posters of Wallace's Circus arrived here last Friday and billed the country for 25 miles around. They will stay here with the advance car until the circus arrives, this being their last stand for the season. The employees will be discharged and the animals and paraphernalia will be shipped to Peru, Ind.

HUSTONVILLE, LINCOLN COUNTY.

—Our town is all agog just now over the advent of a photographer. Of course we are all trying to look our prettiest, but our success in that line is not by any means phenomenal. Since Sanford noticed us as our sole-savings citizen, T. J. Hatcher, and the wind did violence to the smoke stack of our steam mill we have subsided into a state of abnormal quietude, as oppressive as the climate of Sahara.

—Most of our citizens have changed their residences in the last few months. Tuttle has gone to Junction City; W. R. Williams' family moved back from Paris; James Taylor has taken possession of the property purchased of the Allen; Mrs. Catherine Blain and family are preparing to move to Knoxville next week; S. Clay Powell has rented the Cecil property and will open a boarding-house. There is a movement in a matrimonial direction, too, but I dare not mention it yet.

—The ubiquitous drummer is again on the wing and the unsophisticated citizen goes enraptured upon his dizzy gyrations. We do not often enjoy the vision of a railroad train, but we can hear the rattling of the mighty engine as it forces the lifeblood of commerce along the iron arteries of trade and travel. We don't enter much into the conflict between labor and capital because we have no great interest in the one and very little practical admiration for the other. Our people had a natural genius for politics, but they went on the old system—believed that patriotism meant love of country—regarded zeal for the public good as more honorable and more useful than scheming for personal aggrandizement, and thus got left amid the dark ages of human progress. But we turn hopefully to our "young America." We have a rising race of brilliant promise. Arab in the saddle, Jesus on wheels, Nimrod in the chase, taking to base ball by intuition, cigarettes by instinct, dulia by contagion and idleness by fatality, they bid fair to keep abreast of the times and, like emulous hunters, be "in at the death" of all antiquated uselessness.

—Stephen Carlisle, of Chicago, beat his wife to death last April, and Monday, after pleading guilty, was sentenced to the State prison for only 18 years. The jury that found such a verdict ought to be hung in a body.

—The general opinion is that the Wallace Carpenter case should be disposed of by filing away the indictment and not subject the people to the cost of another trial, which will terminate in an acquittal or as before in a hung jury. It costs at least \$1,000 each time this case is tried; and the proper course, in the opinion of many, is to file it away and let the boy go free.—[Somerset Democrat.]

—P. T. Barnum has just purchased an enormous amount of real estate in Bridgeport, Conn. It consists of a great tract of land situated in the centre of the city, and includes five churches, the old Court house, six livery stables, three bank buildings, all the stores on the west side of Main street, and more than 100 private residences and dwellings. This property is worth over \$6,000,000.

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